

Dublin, Sunday, May 29. 1853

Dear Mr. Chamberlain - Yesterday on my return home from London, I was greatly gratified by the receipt of your kindly reply to my letter sent through Mr. H. C. Brock. It was written on the 12<sup>th</sup> by I did not get it for many days after.

I left Dublin on the 7<sup>th</sup> on a steamboat for Plymouth, accompanied with my nephew and my son helped, to meet Mr. Hempslyke, en route from London to Melbury. She called in there to take in water and each of the passengers in order to avoid the tedious of heating ~~round~~ down the Channel.

She left London on the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>, but did not arrive in Plymouth till the 12<sup>th</sup>, and we were then days on the look out for her before the ~~arrive~~ appearance. On the morning of the 13<sup>th</sup> I went on board with the boy, and saw them settled in their cabin with the bags, and saw them stowed away, & had tolerable comfort - their luggage stowed away, & had the comfort of learning that the cabin passenger appeared a number that the captain was unable to make all comfortable. There were in the about 10 cabin & 100 intermediate passengers, and the provision seemed plentiful & good. You ask the provision seems plentiful & good. You ask about my son's health. He has no letins at present that we knew beyond a tendency to debility, an absence of robust health, a tendency to catch colds & a want of energy that are always enough. In thought the party between the two extremes, and as my nephew about his son's age was about to join his parents & family in Melbury, and as my nephew was told by our physician that the boy would probably be of great use to him, we concluded one of the principal physicians in Dublin who said the same

2) then made up his mind to hasten his departure.  
Her mother was strongly in favor of the experiment  
so in but no time from the day the idea was  
stated that he was on the salt water was not more  
than 6 weeks. I often think how great the differ-  
ence might have been to me in many way if  
the Farmer, Alexander Sturge, had behaved dif-  
ferently to Garrison in 1840. He and his friends  
would then have been received and courted by a  
class of people whom we could not have approached,  
in the weight & importance of that time <sup>our</sup>  
hearty sympathy and respect would have given to  
the members of the American A. S. Society - we saw  
them in our own houses, and a flood of new light  
and life broke in upon us, for which we can never  
be sufficiently thankful. See too how my apparently  
unfortunate fortune over to Miss Martineau has  
turned out - as one of the results of 1840. We have  
had the great pleasure shown of her company in  
Dublin in the pleasantest way - and though her  
travel agency, as girls ~~have been~~ has the benefit  
of her Reid's College and her Rev. neahastable  
kindness to them - so that if she had been there  
relation they could not have made the  
better of it. It was Miss Martineau recommended  
the Rev. Alfred <sup>in which</sup> in now making his voyage, because  
I had been selected by a gentleman who was  
one of his established friends, and for himself &  
his wife. The lady is a very nice person, the gentle-  
man is very kind, and <sup>both</sup> are likely to be of very  
great use in the way of sympathy & exertion  
Alfred is a steady fellow - & I am not uneasy  
about his being so much in his own hands -  
but as he is not strong, at will be an advantage

to have a French fellow passenger who with his (3)  
likely to feel some interest in him. It was  
odd enough that a London friend of mine to  
whom I also applied about a ship recom-  
mended the same vessel which is chartered  
by a son of the late Mr. Gay and appears to  
be sent to sea in a very respectable manner.  
Alfred takes a quantity of goods to sell on board  
himself - and time to sell for himself - so that  
I hope he will very clear the cost of his voyage and  
be able even to pay for his return trip if he did  
not happen to come down. But this is left to himself.

Having given this long winded reply to your  
question about him let me turn to the rest of  
your letter. In my opinion in that you say of myself  
you may be perfectly correct without Gay, a lawyer,  
or any body being called upon to say that 2 & 2 are 5  
merely because people always said they make 4. It  
need not put an felon in a false position merely to  
spite him. That he understand his exception as  
you do I do not say, but this is no reason why all  
of opposition to him, or should give him an advan-  
tage ~~over~~ <sup>in his saying</sup> what we should promptly  
refuse and rebuke if he had said the like, for  
whatever reason. The members and friends of the  
Am. A. S. Society myself included think it might have  
been better. Sturge had never said than that he  
should have thrown his influence into the scale  
against them. But others do not think so, and  
with the exception of the few scattered friends of  
the Am. Abby in England, his anti Slavery char-  
acter stands as high as ever in England. We may all  
have a black mark and think him one too - but this will  
wait in front of our view if the public won't heed us.

4) I left Plymouth on the 16<sup>th</sup> for London we called to see  
him & keep letters & Sarah Park there. I made at  
one for Dr. Cecil Sturt and arrived about half past  
9 in the evening. Besides this I have named I  
named George Thompson, W. W. Brown, J. H. K. Chen,  
and Mr. Chamberlain, the Lebby succeeded in the  
Secretaryship of New Broad Street. I like him very  
much. He has an open honest face - and as his  
letters have given me the reading of great long confi-  
dential letters in reference to his portion of its diffe-  
rents, I argue that any man who puts himself  
so completely into the possession of another, in  
such reliance on his honor and honesty, must be an  
honest & trusting honest hearted person. He has hopes of  
his Committee that in my opinion cannot be fulfilled.  
They are too old & crusty and can't make such a  
change as a radical alteration & cooperation with this  
one Society or its friends would supply. I had a good  
deal of talk with G. Thompson about past times, and  
heard some things of Dr. S. while I was in London, &  
I am confident it is vain to hope anything from  
his cooperation, though the fact of Lebby having left  
the Secretaryship is gratifying inasmuch as an honest  
man is in his place, & the other honesty remained.  
Very few Lebby were great lost in the way  
What I thought of the great annual meeting of the New Broad  
Street Socy, you will see from the Advocate. Mr. Little  
had some talk with Joseph Sturge the day after, & friend  
had great delight with Respect to Stover Speech! The  
more I look on it the more I think the Free Labor pro-  
tection I took in it the more I think the Free Labor protec-  
tion a necessary work of time. Zeal denotes a  
talk a number of weeks ago. Since I came home in  
has a note from Sarah Park since I came home in  
which she tells me that at a meeting of the Free Labor  
Produce Association, held at the Friends Meeting House

Humbleth and of which ~~Henry~~ Mr Sturge is the acting  
and Lectures Secretary. Prof. Stowe repeated his excited &  
Hale speech and Mr Stowe fully endorsed it.

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of Dr. <sup>me</sup> ~~now~~  
dear I went to work through the winter, and ~~now~~  
having left it, with a crew to select from brother Spanfield's  
which he <sup>had</sup> intended to receive from time <sup>of</sup> ~~now~~

On Monday I returned the 2<sup>d</sup> after vacation - had  
Mrs Thompson & Mr. Farnes being there I left

What you say of the value of the Standard as an  
organ of the Party is quite interesting, and your view

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communicate itself to me all the more because I am  
falling into the same way of estimating the ~~badness~~  
importance of the Anti-Slavery Advocate. I think  
it has been of use already as an exponent of the views  
of those who sympathise with us. But less than  
those who broad-stroke and in this respect it  
is distant from the more moderate of them  
who lead it. I have had many acknowledgments  
from independent and even disinterested persons  
of the benefit they have derived from it  
and I would be quite sorry if I failed to thank  
them. You know by letter properties have  
supplied its. I think the cost of the paper for the  
first year above the receipt in the safe will be  
nearly £90. Now I think Mr. Estlin could readily  
afford to the extent of half this money if the rest  
could be spared. Write today to his new Master  
asking him if he thought any thing could be raised  
with the view in Glasgow and Edinburgh. I will  
give him £100 myself. In the present state of the paper I  
feel some delicacy in taking this way but the  
present is in the whole no sum to be sum the  
editing & printing taken much more valuable time  
than the printing part for - and besides I like  
the cost of each off cheaper than I could do so  
the cost of each off ordinary printing for. When  
sums of equal quantity of ordinary printing for. When  
he has his Editor having got so much money  
yet I often hear him say he can't afford it and that it  
gives him more pleasure to expend it in this way  
than to keep it. He is extremely generous and  
every thing he does in the service of his  
generosity is done in the kindest manner with  
a shadow of reticulation. You may wonder  
why I mention this Advocate affairs to you - It is  
partly that it feels natural to say whether  
partly that concerns the cause, partly that you may

8) I have some interest with people in England who  
are different to your judgment would take this  
way of helping the cause. I should say that when  
in London the other day I asked Tweesie the  
published, point blank, what he thought of the charge  
the Advocate had of his. He spoke very  
saying that the Uncle Tom pence being partly over  
the deposition to do anything to help the cause  
would gravitate too. Tweesie I believe to be a  
heartily friend to the cause and really desirous to do  
what he can without merely looking to himself.  
With all this sense of the importance of the  
public being properly guided in England you  
may judge how disappointed or rather how  
annoyed I feel by the result of that first Lecture  
Hall meeting when such a fine chance of doing  
real good was sacrificed to talk about the South  
Even and fulsome flattery of individuals.

Now exceedingly you must enjoy having Caroline  
back again - and your brother Sister Lucia. How  
I would like to call in upon you some day, and  
have "a good long talk," if every turn and curve  
my partner Chapman is about  
never served. As much as possible to prepare myself for such  
a confinement to home than heretofore.

I find no fault with your remarks on Adams' Lecture  
I like your view so well that it very occurs unto  
criticism the language. One does old lady of 80 with  
one that that what our Lord was delightful - I  
like J. B. in him very much and what ever may be  
his talents for public speaking I think him com-  
petently qualified to do good in private circles.

I enjoyed my visit to London exceedingly.<sup>(1)</sup>  
Indeed I have a strong relish for London—  
the crowds, the rush, the life, the impetuosity are  
exceedingly interesting. I like & like the better  
when I happen to be there at a time when  
no body has time to talk to. I had  
in "Theop's" letter, much Praise of Mr. & Mrs. Hickox,  
poor Mr. & Mrs. Weston, & their two, and  
the Follen's brat and their little brown baby,  
the first infant of the year I ever came  
in contact with—a poor little fellow. ~~With whom~~  
and his two girl, are the Utter delights to all  
them. It seems the best talk of getting up a

bodyguard here in London without capital, without  
much intention of doing any business, and relying  
on the charity of their friends throughout  
the country. He appears to be so proud and  
secretive that it is difficult for Mr. Utter to  
ascertain how and sufficient numbers can be got  
to take the trouble—and Ellen does so entirely  
to him that her natural good sense is lost  
in his folly. I am anxious to see some account  
of his doings in England and suspect them  
couple let down in his conduct in the Colonies  
by their own indolence in the estimation  
of place people, without depending on  
the charity of other anti Slavery friends. I  
hope for such an example in W.S. brat, but  
am afraid I shall be disappointed. To be sure  
there is that worthy man W.W. Powell from  
family who has separated from Mr. York to  
Lancaster and an settle, or repatriate, there.

107 I also saw my girls at Mrs Reed's  
boarding house in Geneva and looking as  
healthy and happy as possible. They joined  
a party of about thirty at M<sup>r</sup> Ellers lodgings  
and were by special favour placed in the  
room immediately behind the dinner of  
Sutherland & Mrs Star in Exeter Hall. Mrs  
Reed invited me to meet Mrs Star at her  
house last Friday but as I could not go  
she and Missy invited ~~the~~ my daughter to  
spend an hour which you may be sure was  
a very great ~~retreat~~ - all this you know was the  
consequence of my intrusion at Ambleside which  
was perpetrated in the freedom of our bush hape-  
lity, when welcome a friend friend, or even  
welcome himself - and which gave me so  
many hot ears and so much mortification  
at the time.

I saw a good deal of Mrs Zeller and her  
little family and in a very pleasant way.  
We invited her to come to Dublin next  
year; this time she recd the subject herself;  
and they were all the more agreeable to me  
as it shord that she intended to come of  
her own accord and without presssing. Poor  
Miss Labot you know is only just recovered  
from a long illness. Charles is a very pleasing  
young man - so cheery, natural & unassuming.  
You may be sure we look forward with pleasure  
to the prospect of having them with us.

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Perhaps you do not know that we have a  
great National Exhibition going on just now.  
It was opened on the 12<sup>th</sup> but I am dastey  
further rates to come down to our reach &  
then expect we shall see it very often. It  
is quite near to our house. We can see the  
building (erected for the purpose) from our  
bed room window. I am told it is not yet  
in its full glory, but that it makes a very  
good show and will be much finer when  
the Fine Arts and the French department  
are quite ready.

If Caroline can find a spare moment for  
time I would be extremely glad to hear from  
her while she was in America. I only wrote  
to her once. I knew her hands then health  
were full of her family concerns and I  
did not want to worry her with my scribble  
— how however I would be very glad to see  
the light of her countenance again even  
in the faint reflection of a letter.

Hoping you will survive all the bad  
weather and with kind regards to all  
I remain ever so truly yours

Rach M. W.

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Did you ever hear from Garrison or George Thompson  
of Sarah & Blanch Holden? Blanch is deaf & dumb  
such as bright, cheerful soul whatever an opportunity  
met them at S. Thompson's in London in 1845. Then at  
Liverpool in 1846 when Garrison left England. Afterward  
their little property was embroiled or sold greatly  
reduced by the dishonesty of a relation and they  
retired to Greenway, and withdrew from the anti  
slavery cause with many of their friends, myself among  
the number. When I was in Plymouth with the  
box waiting for the Hempsyke, a letter reached me  
from Sarah Holden (see bubble) dated from  
Greenway when they had lately been there and  
going to Perth for a time. In consequence of the  
disease induced by their loss of property Sarah  
had lost her hearing too and they are thus both  
more secluded than ever from the pleasure of  
social intercourse. I sent them some I came  
home Liberty Bells and Repairs of which I hope  
will be an object of interest, and they are greatly  
gratified. They are full of warmth toward the  
anti-slavery cause and its friends and I  
thought you would like to hear of their return  
time - how things!

One of the strangest  
piece of gossip I heard in London was at all from Thompson  
told me - that he had heard from Dr. Peacock that she is  
about to be married to Prof. H. N. Read of Glasgow, the  
author of "Architecture after Heaven" and other popular  
astronomical treatises. He is an intimate friend  
of Mrs. Martineau and how she will live with a day  
wife manage such a husband I can't imagine.  
S. T. told me Dr. Peacock wrote to him of this project  
- do you have it as I have it. How a Madam able  
to count & have over head lately of poor Zachariah and